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Transmittal of Request

1. At the time of KHRUSHCHEV's visit to the city of Dnepropetrovsk in July 1959, it was stated that his principal speech was made to the "thousands" of workers of the "Machine Building Plant" (MASHINOSTROITEL'NIY ZAVOD). It is believed that this may have been a reference to the former Dnepropetrovsk Automotive Plant (DAZ), a facility known to have become an integral part of the Soviet Guided Missile Program. KHRUSHCHEV recently stated that he had visited a major guided missile production facility. The only public visit away from Moscow which had considerable unaccounted for time was his July visit to Dnepropetrovsk.

2. In recent years there have been no references in Soviet publications of the former Automotive Plant as such. There is additional evidence, however, that this same plant in addition to guided missile production, has been partially engaged in the production of Belarus' tractors since 1954. Therefore, it is requested that all issues of PRAVDA UKRAINY since 1954 be scanned on a priority basis in order to determine whether there have been any references to a local factory typically referred to as simply the "Machine Building Plant" or any references to the production of Belarus' tractors in Dnepropetrovsk. If any publications of the city of Dnepropetrovsk itself are available, these should also be scanned for the above items.

3. For any further information concerning this request, contact [REDACTED] on extension 8008.

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